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The President's Soapbox

Well, here it is, a new year in the life of the AARA ham radio club. We have been served well in past years and last year was no exception. Many thanks to all who made all the events and activities a success. Special thanks to our outgoing AARA president, Archie Hill, W5AG. I hope I can continue in the tradition of the many previous officers of the club. Not only officers, but to the volunteers who took on the many events of the club to make it a banner year. A double dose of thanks to Glenn Thibodeaux and supporting crew for the excellent hamfest that we all enjoyed. We all thank Joy Breaux, N5YCS for her many years of service as club treasurer and Rick Breaux, N5RLM, for keeping us on the "straight and narrow" with a budget and within the AARA bylaws.

I also want to thank those who volunteered to serve as officers in the current year. Jess Gillion, KF5LUL, Vice President, Archie Hill, W5AG, Treasurer, Sandy LeBlanc, KE5KJF, Secretary, Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, LARC editor and Public Information Officer, Kendra Wilson, KF5FY5, Youth at Large. Also, the Board Members, James Williams, KF5RBW, Archie Hill, W5AG, Paula Romero, KF5CNS, and Glenn Thibodeaux, KF5FNP.

We will certainly have many of the same events as last year and I want to encourage as many of the club as can to participate and share with the club and community, the joy of ham radio. We now have a very fine projector to use for club presentations and I want to encourage some of you to put together presentations on ham topics that may be of interest to the club. Have them ready to go and make Jess's job an easy one to provide programs for the club to enjoy.

As ever, we want to participate in our emergency drills and nets to be able to serve when an emergency occurs. Use the resources of the club to help you build your skills and equipment. There are many "Elmers" in the club to help you make decisions on equipment and operating procedures. Make a special effort to understand the use of digital modes for communications, it is rapidly becoming a valuable tool to communicate long messages during an emergency. See if you can get these modes going on your home station, especially if you have a computer interfaced to your radio. Tune in on the Monday Night AARA 2 meter Net and keep up with the activities of the club. We have witnessed some improvements in our equipment, AMOS (Amateur Mobile Operating System) van, with an excellent generator and antenna systems, our new projector, demonstration of operating multiple radios with reduced interaction, and automated logging for Field Day. We also learned a lot about operating multiple bands at the same time, even on the same antenna. If anyone has suggestions on how to improve our equipment and procedures, let us all know so we can implement them.

Looking ahead, we want to continue our participation in the ARRL Field Day weekend. This will be held June 28-29 and will start at 12 noon on Saturday and end at 3 PM on Sunday. We want to man 2-3 radios continuously during the event. We will need to plan our band plan and antenna setup carefully to allow us to run the radios and make as many contacts as possible. We will need a Field Day Chairman and several volunteers to make this happen. Archie Hill will loan us his band filter again this year to aid in the effort.

We had a grand time at our banquet Saturday night. We got a lively report on the hamfest with details provided by Glenn and others. Looks like we made about the same as last year despite the economic times. Congratulations to all who helped to make it possible. I had a great time and picked up a few items that I needed to complete some of my projects. In general, almost all of the vendors and participants had a great time and enjoyed the events, including the food. The winners of the hand-held radios were Jackie Wallace and Larry LeBlanc.

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

Newly Elected AARA President



Bill Garvey - WB5LYB Silent Key

Bill Garvey - WB5LYB 64 of Leesville, LA became a SK on March 22, 2014.

Bill was very involved with his Ham Radio hobby. Bill had been a Amateur Radio Operator since 1974. His first call was WN5LYB, worked all states (WAS, WAC On CW) as a Novice, ARRL Technical Specialist, Louisiana Section, W5YI VEC, Certified SkyWarn Observer for the National Weather Service.

He is also noted for his involvement in emergency communications, Field Day, and many other ham radio functions.

Bill had a wonderful sense of humor and always had you laughing,
If you knew Bill, I am sure you will miss him.

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday April 3, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building
101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA.
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

HAMFESTS

Monroe Hamfest - April 5, 2014

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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North Pat Street, Scott, LA

MARCH AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES MARCH 22, 2014

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Archie Hill opened the meeting.
- Herman KN5GRK led the prayer and all said the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: The February minutes were not read as they were posted in the March LARC. The minutes were accepted as published.

Installation of Officers: Archie Hill W5AG outgoing President installed the new officers for 2014-2015.

President – Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD
Vice President – Jess Gillian KF5LUL
Secretary – Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
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Board Member - James Williams KF5RBW

LARC – Herman Campbell KN5GRK

PIO – Herman Campbell KN5GRK

Web Master – Roland Guidry NA5Q

Archie Hill W5AG adjourned the meeting for the Banquet and then we will reconvene for the Hamfest Report. Thank you to everyone who brought such delicious food. If anyone went home hungry it was their fault.

Hamfest 2014 Report: Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP reported that the vendors were pleased with the turnout and sales.

Rick Breaux N5RLM reported that 533 people attended the Hamfest. There was discussion as to how to improve on the Hamfest for next year. Some suggestions were: pictures of winners with vendors, monitoring radios for directions for people trying to get to the site, have a table for catalogs from manufacturers, large screen for projector, larger area for Sweet Shop, large version of map of the area, posters for ticket sales and location of Forums, crawfish sales deadline of 10 days ahead, etc.

Weston Hebert KB5WI reported that the prizes donated by Club members covered all the prizes for Bingo.

Paula Romero KF5CNS mentioned that we sold a lot of coffee and will need a larger pot for next year. Thanks to everyone who participated and worked so hard to make the Hamfest a success.

Drawing for Radios: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD spoke about the drawing for the radios. The drawing was done by Kendra Wilson KF5FYS and Abbi Wilson KF5BEW. Winners of the Baofeng VHF-UHF Portable Two-Way Radios were: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Jackie Wallace KF5PCH.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2014

AARA 2014 Hamfest VE Testing Report

By Greg Dolan II - K5LFT - Session Director

The test session was not quite as big as our previous hamfest, however it was one of the best. There was a total of 18 tests given to 15 people.

Here is how the testing went:

New Technician Licenses and Calls went to:

Lori A. Smith **KG5AYL** of Lake Charles, LA
Evan E. Miller **KG5AYN** of Ville Platte, LA
Bryan J. Richard **KG5AYP** of Vinton, LA
Chad A. Haviland **KG5AYJ** of Abbeville, LA
Samuel M. Haviland **KG5AYI** of Abbeville, LA
Robert J. Cleveland **KG5AYK** of Eunice, LA
Charles H. Carmouche **KG5AYO** of Zachary, LA

Upgrades from Technician to General were:

William G. Darmofal **N8WAJ** of New Iberia, LA
Gary J. Nezat **K5EOD** of Scott, LA

Upgrades from General to Extra were:

David E. Nevis **KG5AOL** of Lake Charles, LA
William D. (Dereck) Meche **KF5VZW** of Lafayette, LA

VE Test Session Examiners were:

Greg Dolan II - K5LFT, Stephen Mahler - KF5VH, Raymond Arceneaux - N5LRZ, Galen Wilson - KF5BET, John Mussy - NF5J, Richard Wallace - KF5KEL, Terry Partigianoni - W5TMP, and Douglas Phelps - WB5OZA.

I know Wayne Thibodeaux - KF5EJ was there but not signed in. Other VE's were present that I might have missed but not signed in.

Greg Dolan II K5LFT

◀ Father and Son Team

Northeast Louisiana Regional Ham Radiofest

Sponsored by Twin City Ham Club

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014

Place: Barak Shrine Temple

Just off I-20 in Monroe near exit 120. Just head East on Frontage Road, pass up Sam's Warehouse, and go approximately 1 mile.

Time: 8:00 AM - til

Admission: \$5.00

Talk-in: 146.850 MHz

VE Testing: 9:00 AM

Grand Prizes

1st Prize: Alinco DX-SR9T/E

2nd Prize: MFJ 259B RF Analyzer

3rd Prize: Kenwood TM-281A 2 Meter
Mobile 65 watt

4th Prize: LDG Z-100 Plus Antenna Tuner

5th Prize: WOUXUN KG-UV3D-2/UHF 2
meter/440 VHF/ Handheld

Tables: \$10 each - With power \$20

Door Prize tickets: 1-\$1.00, 6-\$5.00,
25-\$20.

See our website for more info & updates.

Website: www.w5ea.org



Some changes have been made to the W5DDL 146.820 (pl 103.5) repeater in Lafayette, Louisiana which used to identify as W5EXI on this frequency which was a little confusing with one repeater with two callsigns. This has now been solved. The W5DDL repeater now has a node number of its' own Node: 759629.

I know that this will cause some paperwork and website change which may take a while, but in the long run, it will end some confusion.

Just remember to search for W5DDL in you EchoLink program and make note to point this out to our EchoLink users.

The new W5DDL/R Node #:

759629

The 54th Annual 2014 Acadiana Hamfest ARRL Delta Division Convention March 14 & 15, 2014 Report

On Saturday night March 22, 2014 at 6:00 PM, the AARA had their March General Meeting which is our "After the Hamfest Banquet". This is a general rundown on our 54th AARA Hamfest held on March 14 & 15, 2014:

Hamfest Attendance: 533 which is up from the 501 last year.

Hamfest Tables: 160 (Vendor, Swap, Craft)

RV Camper Nights: 19

Crawfish Orders: 41 paid orders, 10 complementary orders-Total=51

Bingo Attendance: 34

According to our Hamfest Committee Coordinator, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, and Galen Wilson KF5BET our Vendor and Table Assignment Manager, who spoke to most of the commercial dealers reported they were very pleased and plan to be back again next year.

Bingo Chairman: Weston Hebert KB5WI, reported they made money this year due to no expenses, all bingo prizes were donated.

Food Vendor: Chris reported that they made money and plan to be back next year. Last year our food vendor ran out of food. Reports are positive on the food this year.

Ladies Hi Q Sweets: Paula Romero KF5CNS, reported that they made money, not as much as last year due to the expense of purchasing a coffee pot for the club, they sold a little over 200 cups of coffee. She also reported that they would drop the "cup cakes", they did not sell good and were a little messy.

Fox Hunt: Abbi Wilson KF5BEW and Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, again took first place to win 100 tickets to prize drawing. If the "Fox" could be located in 5 minutes, the prize would be 200 tickets, however, this was a challenge due to the "Fox" being mobile and intermittently turned off and on. These Gals are "GOOD"!

VE Test Results: See page 2 for details.

Main Prize Winners:

PRIZE:	ITEM:	NAME:	CALL:	CITY:
1 ST	Yaesu FTDX 1200	John Cuniff	W4JHC	Lafayette, LA
2 ND	FlexRadio 1500	Bud Azar	N5AN	Lafayette, LA
3 RD	Kenwood TM-V71A	Herman Campbell	KN5GRK	Lafayette, LA
4 TH	MFJ-269 Ant. Analyzer	Ric Wallace	KF5KEL	Henderson, LA
5 TH	Astron RM-35M Power Supply	Rick Wallace	KF5KEL	Henderson, LA
6 TH	Signalink USB Sound Card	Rick Wallace	KF5KEL	Henderson, LA
7 TH	MFJ OCF Dipole	Herman Campbell	KN5GRK	Lafayette, LA
8 TH	ARRL 1 Year Membership	Art Mouton	K5FNQ	Lafayette, LA

John Cuniff W4JHC, Grand Prize winner of the Yaesu FTDX 1200, donated his prize to the Amateur Radio Club at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. To quote John, "I was sitting at the same table with Dr. Dana A. Browne, a Physics Professor AD5VC at Louisiana State University. He told me they had a club there at LSU and their call is K5LSU (if I'm not mistaken). I asked him what kind of radios they had and his answer convinced me to give them the Yaesu. I'm too old to learn how to operate another radio, even a great radio like the FT1200DX. I have a K3 and a KX3 and I know about 10% of what I need to know to operate them!!" How is that for a AARA member hospitality? I am sure they will appreciate it!

Herman Campbell
KN5GRK



City of Natchitoches Tri-Centennial Special Event Station - N5T

Call sign: N5T

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 8-9 AM to 4-5 PM Central

Location: Baptist Collegiate Ministry Building, on the Northwestern University campus

Frequencies: TBA

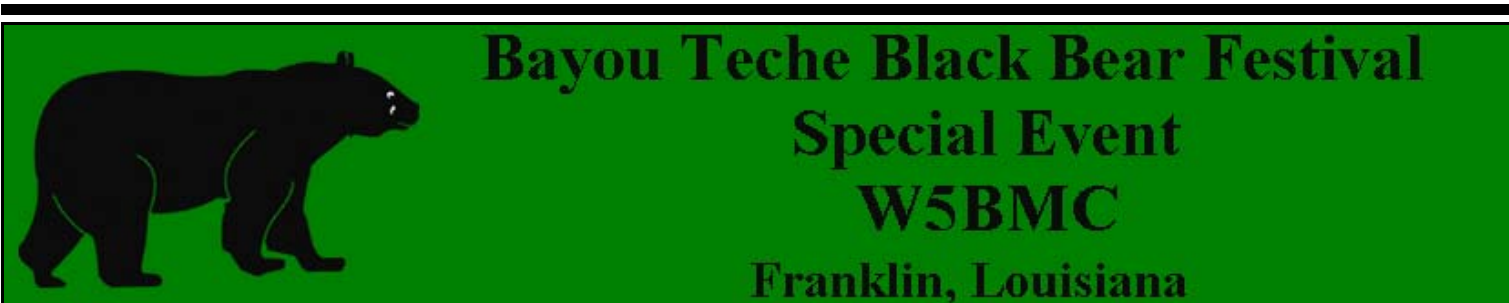
Sponsored by: Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club and Amateur Radio Club of Sabine.

Bill Collins, Baptist Collegiate Ministry Director at Northwestern University in Natchitoches, who is also KC5MUG has given us permission to operate at the Ministry Building on Northwestern's campus.

We will have restrooms, electricity, and cooking facilities. This event will be on Saturday, April 12th from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. We have secured the Special Event Callsign of N5T.

We will issue a detailed statement and more information later.

Thanks to Mike Canady, N5GJQ for making contact with Bill (KC5MUG) in Natchitoches.



Call sign: W5BMC

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: 1500Z - 2000Z

Place: Franklin, Louisiana

Frequencies: 14.260 MHz, 7.270 MHz

QSL via SASE to: Jackie Price KA5LMZ, 1412 Maple Street, Morgan City, Louisiana 70380

Sponsored by: Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service



We have become an integral part of the Black Bear Festival and they have a great sheltered place for us to set up on the banks of the Bayou. As we are operating, we have a great view of the old wooden boats that are chugging up and down beautiful Bayou Teche in Franklin. This year, they are planning a little paddle wheeler that people can ride on also.

Last year we hosted a ham from Texas who had read about the special event and delayed his trip to New Orleans to come spend a few hours with us at the station.

Unlike most special event stations, we keep not only a log of our contacts but have a wonderful working relationship with the officials of the Black Bear Festival and the officials of the Cajun Coast Visitor Center. They provide envelopes, postage, a tourist folder on St. Mary Parish and also the sought after QSL card that is usually a copy of the official poster for the event.

It is a great time for the BEARS from Morgan City and for the Black Bear Festival in general.

Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival Website:
<http://www.bayoutechebearfest.org/>

MARCH 2014 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	48	3	100	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	64	Ø	123	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	3	19	Ø	45	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	30	Ø	85	N5LRZ Ray
Youth Thursday Night Net	3	26	1	52	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt
 "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - Walt Disney

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net has suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the April 2014 schedule.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
April 7	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
April 14	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
April 21	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
April 28	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The April 2014 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday_net.pdf

Notice: On the January 13th Monday Night Net, Mark made a offer that goes like this:

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2014 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and they will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.



Chad

Samuel

Don

← Our newest and youngest ham radio operators that tested at the Rayne Ham-fest was Samuel M. Haviland KG5AYI (8 years old) and his Father Chad Haviland KG5AYJ of Abbeville, LA.

Here they are being interviewed by Don Wilbanks AE5DW on Ham Nation #139.

Samuel was checking in on the Youth Net 5 days after passing his Tech License and is now working on General Class License.

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

4/3	KF5AHM	JAMES
4/6	KE5JXC	ARNOLD
4/7	KB5NRO	MICHAEL
4/8	KF5BET	GALEN
4/13	N4ELM	DAVE
4/16	KF5KEL	RIC
4/18	KF5WP	ALBERT
4/22	KF5SEQ	JARED

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

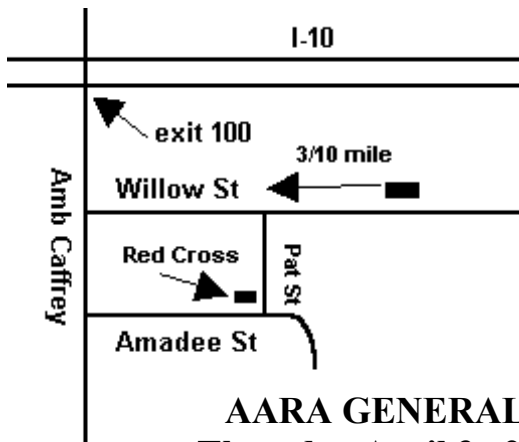
AARA Membership Drive:

To renew your membership or become a member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) download a membership form at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday April 3, 2014 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE



Mexican Lasagna

Recipe courtesy of Rachael Ray - <http://www.foodnetwork.com>

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 Tsp. Extra-virgin olive oil | 1 Cup medium heat taco sauce |
| 2 Pounds ground chicken breast,
available in the packaged meats
case | or 1 (14 oz.) can stewed or
fire roasted tomatoes |
| 2 Tsp. Chili powder | 1 Cup frozen corn kernels |
| 2 Tsp. Ground cumin | 8 (8 inch) spinach flour tortil-
las, available on the dair aisle
of market |
| 1/2 Red onion, chopped | 2 1/2 Cups shredded Cheddar or
shredded pepper jack |
| 1 (15 oz.) can black beans, drained | 2 Scallions, finely chopped |
| Salt | |

Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

Preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil - twice around the pan. Add chicken and season with chili powder, cumin, and red onion. Brown the meat, 5 minutes. Add taco sauce or stewed or fire roasted tomatoes. Add black beans and corn. Heat the mixture through, 2 to 3 minutes then season with salt, to your taste.

Coat a shallow baking dish with remaining extra-virgin olive oil, about 1 tablespoon oil. Cut the tortillas in half or quarters to make them easy to layer with. Build lasagna in layers of meat and beans, then tortillas, then cheese. Repeat: meat, tortilla, cheese again. Bake lasagna 12 to 15 minutes until cheese is brown and bubbly. Top with the scallions and serve.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission,
1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245